(b) Interest claimed in 1988, inclusive of claims for previous year (break-up not availabe immediately):

US	555.26 million
£ Stg.	55.56 million

(c) No separate information is being maintained at present.

Price preference to help Women Entrepreneurs

@965. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to give price preference of 20 per cent on Government purchases to help women entrepreneurs in marketing their products; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Licences for import of Potassium Penicillin-G|V

@@. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether three companies were given licences for import of Potassium Penicillin-G|V for the production of 6-APA;

(b) if so, what are the names of the companies; and

(c) what are the names of the parties who could not import Potassium Penicillin-G even after grant of import licence and what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) Presumably, the question refers to the Supplementary Licences granted to:—

(i) M|s. Pharmchem;

(ii) M/s. Jagsonpal Pharmaceuticals Ltd.; and

(iii) M/s. Alembic Chemicals for import of Penicillin G|V.

(c) The licences were valid for import of Penicillin G|V. They had the flexibility to import either Penicillin G or Penicillin V.

FIEO's suggestion for increasing Exports

967. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Federation of Indian Exports Organisation has urged Government to put one per cent of the foreign exchange earned by exports to a country at the disposal of diplomatic missions to give our exports an added impetus;

(b) whether Government have since examined the proposals of the FIEO; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The proposal is under consideration.

@Previously Unstarred Question 369, transferred from the 24th February, 1989.

@@Previously Unstarred Question No. 639 transferred from 27th February, 1989.